## CITY COUNCIL ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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BY COUNCILMEMBER FELICIA A MOORE

SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' REQUEST TO CONGRESS TO FUND THE CDBG FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM AT \$5 BILLION, SUPPORT THE FUNDING LEVELS FOR CRITICAL HOUSING PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, We need to ensure an adequate supply of affordable housing for all Americans by continuing successful programs such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, HOPE VI, and the Section 8 voucher assistance program. These programs demonstrate a strong, successful federal-local partnership that Congress must sustain at appropriate funding levels; and

WHEREAS, Programs like CDBG, HOME, HOPE VI, and Section 8 Vouchers are critical tools needed to achieve our shared goal of providing affordable housing to all; and

WHEREAS, An adequate supply of affordable housing is essential to sustaining economic growth in our cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, An affordable home is part of the American dream. This dream requires a shared federal-local investment to ensure that all Americans have a chance at it; and

WHEREAS, Now is not a good time for the federal government to retreat from our shared goal of decent, affordable housing for all Americans.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA supports the National League of Cities' request to congress to:

- **Section 1.** Fund the CDBG formula grant program at \$5 billion.
- **Section 2.** Support the following funding levels for critical housing programs:
  - Full funding for HOME at \$2.284 billion, which takes into account set-asides
  - created by the American Dream Down Payment Initiative;
  - Restored funding for HOPE VI to FY 2003 levels of \$570 million; and
  - Level funding of \$16.4 billion for the Section 8 Voucher assistance program.

**Section 3.** Oppose any effort to block grant and impose caps on Section 8 funding.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Council is directed to transmit a true and correct copy to all members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation.

A true copy.

ADOPTED by the Council
APPROVED by the Mayor

May 3, 2004 May 11, 2004

Thomas Wauphin Johnson

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